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Security Zeroes-in on Annual Report

SECURITY

Saint Michael's Of Safety and Security
Crimes Reportable under the Campus Security Act of 1990
which occurred on Campus 1992-1996 and were reported to
security

	1996	'95	'94	'93	'92
Murder	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses					
Forcible	0	1	0	0	0
Non-Forcible	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	2	6	5	4
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0
Arrests For:					
Liquor Violations	0	1	0	1	0
Drug Violations	1	0	0	0	0
Weapons Violations	0	0	0	0	0

St. Michael's College security log

Excerpts from the September 27 through October 3, 1997 security report. Compiled by Officer Kelly M. Graham.

September 27, 1997
12:20 a.m. Stopped a non-student driver. Driver refused to identify.
10:00 a.m. Vandalism to college property at 200s mound.
1:24 p.m. Rescue assist at 300s field.
2:30 p.m. Suspicious behavior at Ryan Hall lot. Suspects acted defensive upon questioning.
5:25 p.m. Late report of disorderly conduct in Alliot Hall.

September 28, 1997
12:15 a.m. Report of juveniles vandalizing Hamel Hall soda machine. Checked building, couldn't find the suspects.
2:26 a.m. Report of a disturbance

behind Alumni Hall. Checked the area, but could not find the suspect.
3:03 a.m. Medical assist on College Parkway.
3:17 a.m. Vandalism complaint at 400s. Will have a follow-up meeting with all residents regarding this incident.
3:57 a.m. Residence Life Staff assist at Joyce Hall.
11:00 a.m. Unlock in Joyce Hall progresses to confiscation of personal belongings.
1:30 p.m. Purtill Hall sign covered with a "Wang Chung Hall" sign. Removed the sign.
11:00 p.m. Medical assist at Greensleeves.

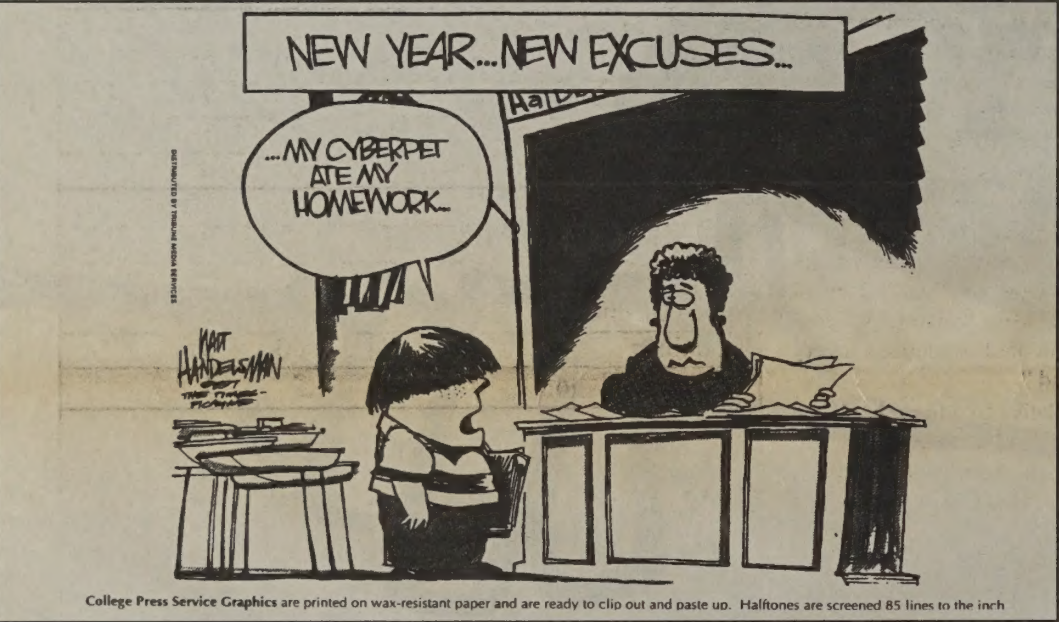
September 30, 1997
6:30 a.m. Placed an unsecured Huffy mountain bike in the basement of Senior Hall. It was found outside the front door.

October 1, 1997
11:32 a.m. Fire alarm at Days Inn west wing. Sensor under the vending machines of the first floor.
11:40 a.m. Same detector went off at the Days Inn. Talked to the owner.
2:41 p.m. Rescue assist at Nicolle Hall. Transported the patient to Fanny Allen Hospital.
7:13 p.m. Fire alarm at Alumni Hall. Unknown cause.

October 2, 1997
2:00 a.m. Found both boilers off in Ryan Hall.
11:30 a.m. Black husky and lab mix found running in and out of traffic at Dupont Hall. Animal handed over to the Colchester Animal Control.
2:00 p.m. Marriott reports damage to the north side door.
3:30 p.m. Liquor store flyers left on cars in Ryan Hall and Founders Hall parking lots.
3:58 p.m. Transport one firefighter to the firehouse.

October 3, 1997
12:30 p.m. Broke up a party at Linnehan Hall.

CAMPUS SCENE News taken from college campuses around the country by the College Press Service



Surprise for chocolate lovers

LONDON -- At last, the news you've been waiting for: Eating chocolate is good for you.
That's according to the president of the U.S. chocolate industry, who told a world cocoa conference in London that eating chocolate every day may actually help stave off heart attacks.
"In fact, a Pennsylvania State University, done in 1991-92, showed that a milk chocolate bar per day as part of a reasonable diet actually had a favorable effect on HDL cholesterol," said Lawrence Graham, president of the U.S. Manufacturers Association.
Also, it's just a myth that

chocolate causes acne breakouts, migraine headaches and allergies, he added.
"In the health area, we have been working for years in identifying and evaluating issues significant to the cocoa industry," he said. Studies show no link between pimples breakouts and chocolate, he said, and there's no scientific evidence that the sweet stuff causes migraines or allergies.
Another plus: "There is some evidence that the chemical reactions in your body when you eat chocolate are similar to what happens when you fall in love," he said.

Brainiacs flock to unlikely cities

NEW YORK -- Name the intellectual center of the United States.
Here are some hints: it's not Washington, D.C., home of high-powered elected officials who set the government's agenda.
Nor is it any of those glitzy big cities that college graduates flock to every year, like New York or Los Angeles. In fact, it's--shock!--not even on a coast.
If you happened to guess that Iowa City, a college town nestled in the corn fields of Iowa, is the smartest city in the nation, you're exactly right.
That's according to a survey

Research monkeys spared

By Colleen DeBaise
College Press Service
BERKELEY, Calif. -- Following an animal-rights protest, the University of California has promised to move 14 langur monkeys used for research to a sanctuary rather than "euthanize" them. The long-tailed creatures spent 25 years under the observing eyes of anthropology researchers and students at UC-Berkeley.
Animal-rights activists staged a sit-in at the chancellor's office Sept. 3 because they feared the monkeys would be used for medical experiments or

killed.
A UC spokesperson said the sanctuary, which has not been identified, is similar to a retirement home for animals.
The colony was the only place in the nation where students could observe the langurs and study the monkeys up close.
The university, which no longer receives grant money to support the research or keep the animals alive, planned to euthanize the animals.
But in a statement, UC Berkeley Assistant Chancellor John F. Cummings said the monkeys would be moved to a sanctuary no later than Jan. 1.

- Most of the smart cities are college towns in the Midwest, and the top 10 are:
1. Iowa City, Iowa
 2. Champaign, Ill.
 3. Stamford, Conn.
 4. Bloomington, Ind.
 5. Bryan, Texas
 6. Gainesville, Fla.
 7. Lawrence, Kansas
 8. Boulder, Colo.
 9. Columbia, Mo.
 10. Santa Fe, N.M.

Photo correction:
In last week's issue photo of Dianne Lynch (p.8) and photo of Meg Rowe (p.16) were taken by Dan Scott. We regret the error.

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NEWS

Students question annual safety and security report
Despite confusion, security follows the federal guidelines in its annual report

Tim Donehower
Staff Writer and
Carrie Simonelli,
News Editor

Although the annual St. Michael's crime report is accurate, some students believe the statistics can be misleading.

The report compiles the number of incidences and arrests for liquor and drug violations, murders, robberies and other campus crimes.

For the fiscal year of 1996 The University of Vermont had 303 liquor violations, almost 22 times St. Michael's 14 violations.

"That can't be right. I can name you 14 liquor violations that happened last week," said senior Lisa Hamel.

Also, UVM had 143 drug violations compared with St. Michael's 29 in the fiscal 1996 year.

One reason for the difference in violations is the number of students at each school.

UVM's undergraduate enrollment of 7,496 (as of Fall 1995), is 4.41 times larger than St. Michael's 1,700.

"If you look at UVM's, they probably have a bizillion arrests. Every time they cite someone for an open container violation, it's an arrest," said Peter Soons, director of Safety and Security.

Beer balls, kegs, unauthorized parties, false I.D.'s, possession of alcohol and open containers constitute a liquor violation. These result in a referral to Student Life.

"We certainly don't call the police every time there's a liquor violation or an open container violation," Soons said.

In some cases, there is no arrest made even when the police are called.

"The police will make the judgement calls," Soons said. "Don't forget... that an arrest is no good unless the state's attorney is going to prosecute it." They can only prosecute so many cases, he said

Soons said that the complete report, which shows statistics for last five calendar years, meets the requirements of the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990.

The Campus Security Act requires that colleges and universities receiving federal funds release their security policies for the three most recent years' statistics for: murder; sex offenses; robbery; aggravated assault; burglary and motor vehicle theft.

Also required are statistics on arrests for: liquor law violations, drug abuse violations and violations for weapons possessions.

"It's clearly not a complete picture... We confront alcohol violations every weekend."

• Mike Samara, dean of students

"It's a bit misleading, but I think security is doing a fine job. What's important is that they're there when people run into a problem," said senior Michael Donnelly.

There are three misunderstandings when people first view the chart.

First, people commonly skip over the words "Arrests For" in reading the chart.

Only incidents which lead to arrests by Colchester Police are included in this category.

There are separate categories for liquor violations and liquor violation arrests.

As St. Michael's Security officers do not have the authority to make an arrest, they have to call Colchester Police.

This differs from the University of Vermont, or at other schools where the school security department has arresting power.

A liquor violation differs from a drunkenness violation, when students are intoxicated to the point where assistance is needed, Soons said.

Although public drunkenness is not a crime in Vermont, it can prompt action by Security.

"We're bound by the law to take them into protective custody," Soons said.

"We have a responsibility to offer some care for them."

This comes in the form of Act I, the Chittenden County Correctional Center in Williston, hospital stay, or accompanying the students home, Soons said.

"When students are taken to

Act I or the correctional center, they are not being arrested," Soons said.

For the incident to be cited as an arrest, the person either has to be cited to appear in court by the Colchester Police or arrested.

Second reason for confusion in reading the Security statistics is that an official report of the incident must be filed with the Security Office.

The 14 incidents recorded in the chart are times "when someone actually went to the computer and wrote down all of the information," Soons said.

"The other incidents are sent to Student Life," he said.

Not all drug and alcohol abuse is reported to security. There are some instances in which security is not called and the incident is recorded by Student Life.

"It's not an intentionally deceitful picture," said Dean of Students Mike Samara. "We confront alcohol violations every weekend."

Relative to other schools the St. Michael's Department of Safety and Security report is an accurate reflection of the school's statistics.

"It is clearly not a complete picture of life at St. Michael's," Samara said.

"Schools follow federal guidelines," he said. "If we use other guidelines then we look unsafe."

Senior Julie Concannon said that for public relations purposes, the pamphlet makes the school look great.

"The pamphlet is what parents would want to see," Concannon said.

"With stats like these, who needs security in the first place?" said sophomore Mike DeFranco.

Thirdly the definitions for the crimes can also be misleading.

The definition of a burglary includes: unlawful entry with intent to commit a larceny or

Table with 5 columns: Incident Type, 96', 95', 94', 93'. Rows include Assault-Simple, Assists, Bomb Threat, Disturbance/Noise, Disorderly Conduct, Drug Violation, Drunkenness, Fire Alarm, Fire, Harrassment, Larceny/Theft, Liquor Violation, Medical Assists, Miscelaneneous, Missing Person, Auto Accident, Property Lost/Missing, Property Stolen, Sex Offense, Suicide Attempt, Suspicious Person, Trespass, Towed Vehicle, Unlawful Entry, Vandalism, Weapon Violation, and Total.

Chart courtesy of the St. Michael's College Security Office

felony; breaking and entering with intent to commit a larceny; housebreaking; safecracking; and all attempts to commit any of aforementioned.

For an incident to be reported as a burglary, it must fit into the specifics of the definition. Otherwise the incident may be filed in another criminal category like larceny/theft, property lost/missing, or property stolen.

When someone enters a dorm room or an apartment when the door is left unlocked it is not considered a burglary, Soons said.

A drug violation can be anything from possession, paraphernalia, use, or purchase and sale of an illegal substance, Soons said.

In the past, when someone has been caught with drugs or drug paraphanelia, Security "confiscates it, writes up the incident and gives it to the police," Soons said.

"Now, for any possession, we'll be calling the police over," he said. "Even if the police come, that doesn't always mean that there's going to be an arrest."

In recent years the security

department has taken action to make the campus safer.

Security has increased the level of awareness by publishing its annual report and posting security alerts.

Security has also increased the times the buildings on campus are locked.

The residence halls, formerly open until 11 p.m., are locked at 7 p.m. The academic complex used to be open 24 hours a day and now fully locked by 2 a.m. for computer lab access.

St. Michael's provides all the information found in the annual report on its homepage. The report is also available to students in the Security Office.

For more information on the Campus Security Act, the web address is http://www.soconline.org/CSA/index.html

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LIQUOR VIOLATIONS FROM FALL OF 1996 TO SPRING OF 1997, AS RECORDED BY STUDENT LIFE:

- 13 students were taken to the Chittenden County Correctional Center
- 12 students were taken directly to Act I
- 9 students went to the emergency room, then to Act I
- 3 students were taken to the emergency room and spent the night there
- 1 was taken to the hospital, then to Act I, then to the Chittenden County Correctional Center.

Courtesy of Lou DiMasi, residence life director

NEWS

Lecturer discusses values, beliefs of college students

Paul Rogat Loeb urges St. Michael's students to use social activism to make a difference

By Ole Tangen
Staff Writer

Social activism is on the rise in American colleges despite the pressures of the economy and increasing college costs and debt, said Paul Rogat Loeb in a speech in the Farrell Room in St. Edmund's Hall on Thursday, Oct. 2.

"Through social activism," said Loeb, "we find out who we are and why we were put here on this planet."

Loeb, author of *Generation at the Crossroads: Apathy and Action on the American Campus*, visited over a hundred campuses all around the country to find out what kind of beliefs and values students hold.

Loeb is also the author of *Nuclear Culture* and *Hope in Hard Times*.

Every one of the over 100 colleges Loeb visited has environmental, social and political volunteer programs like recycling, rape-crisis counseling and student-rights groups.

Loeb, an investigative reporter, has visited schools such as Harvard, Stanford, Dartmouth, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Yale, Cornell and Columbia.

In addition to visiting colleges he has been interviewed by 400 TV and radio stations around the country. These appearances

include CNN, PBS, National Public Radio, ABC Radio Networks, C-Span and the NBC Nightly News.

"Through social activism, we can find out who we are and why we were put on this planet."

•Paul Rogat Loeb, author of *Generation at the Crossroads: Apathy and Action on the American Campus*

Through the '80s and early '90s a stereotype evolved of Generation X as being "apathetic, lazy and callous," Loeb said, "putting most of the heat and blame of this generation on the young people."

"We have been taught not to have our own voice, to be afraid of our power, our own strength," Loeb said.

Unlike 30 years ago, students today cannot work through school without leaving with huge amounts of debt. Many go through school worrying about the future and the pressure to get by and live a decent life, Loeb said.

Despite these pressures, student activism still plays a big part in the social changes that take place all around the world.

"Student anti-apartheid activists in the U.S. were pivotal parts in the process that led to

U.S. sanctions and ended apartheid," Loeb said.

Loeb reflected on success stories like Adam Werbach, 24, President of the Sierra Club.

Werbach has worked since the third grade to promote environmental awareness and action.

"No one knows about people like this," Loeb said. "People view activists as zealots, extremists and crazies."

Young people like Werbach are the people who lead the process of social change.

"Getting into social activism is a step-by-step process. There are no immediate heroes," Loeb said.

Chris Clary, assistant director for career development at the Student Resource Center, helped bring Loeb to speak at St. Michael's after hearing him at a conference last March.

"As someone involved in student services, it's important to understand why students make the choices they do," Clary said.

"He has a good message that it is possible to be an activist and make a difference."

Loeb closed by quoting Emory Winston Willis, a graduate student involved in the black student movement at Emory University.

"I probably won't be around to see the fundamental changes I want," Willis said.

"If you really have a sense of the history and struggle that came

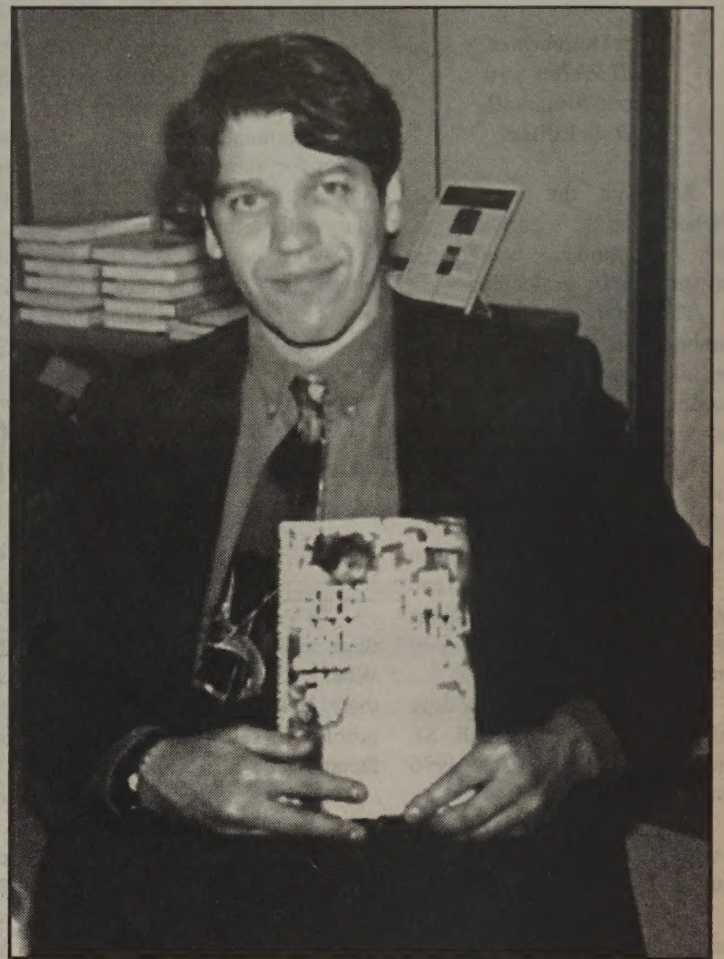


Photo by Marianne Mylod

Paul Rogat Loeb displays a copy of his new book, *Generation at the Crossroads: Apathy and Action on the American Campus*.

before, you embrace an obligation to move forward," Willis said.

Student reaction to the speech was positive.

"I believe it's important for someone to support our genera-

tion and our capabilities," said junior Holly Redding.

"It's refreshing to hear different tales of people that can and are making a difference," Redding said.

Halogen lamps: not the brightest idea for student use on college campuses

By Beth Polsonetti
Staff Writer

Halogen lamps are serious fire hazards in many St. Michael's residences, although they are not formally banned on campus.

The hazard is in the lamp's bulb, which can reach a temperature as high as 1200 degrees.

These lamps are popular because they are inexpensive, bright and long-lasting.

Halogen lamps are strongly discouraged, according to Peter Soons, director of security.

Soons said he is not aware of any fires that have been started by halogen lamps at St. Michael's.

"If you do have one, let's be mindful of the hazard they present," Soons said.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is aware of over 180 fires and 11 deaths involving halogen lamps. In an attempt to curb the fire hazard, the CPSC and the halogen lamp industry are recalling 40 million lamps for in-home repair.

The industry is making free wire guards available to consumers through many retail stores.

By placing the wire guard over the glass bulb shield, it is more difficult for flammable materials to touch the lamp's halogen bulb.

For this guard to be effective, bulbs of 300 watts or less must be used in the lamps.

Brown University, Williams College and Yale University are among the many schools that have already banned the halogen lamps.

Fairfield University in Connecticut banned the lamps this fall. An official from the school said a fire started after a poster fell on an unattended lamp in 1995.

"Although the use of the wire guard with a 300-watt bulb will reduce the potential fire hazard, it is important for consumers to

understand that these lamps must still be treated with care," said CPSC Chairperson Ann Brown.

Assistant Director of Resident Life Molly Duesterhaus said that it is important to understand how hot the lamp's bulb gets and to keep things such as clothing away from it.

"Let's be safe about the use of halogen lamps," Duesterhaus said.

The free wire guards can be found at the following retail stores: Ames, B.J.'s Wholesale Club, Hechingers/ Home Quarters, The Home Depot, Home Base, Ikea, K-Mart, Lowes, Montgomery Ward, Office Depot, Target and Wal-Mart. For more information about receiving a wire guard call (800) 985-2220.

Halogen Lamp Safety Tips

CPSC Chairperson Ann Brown offered the following tips:

- Never place the lamps near curtains or cloth.
- Never drape clothes over the lamp.
- Keep the lamp away from bedding.
- Never leave the lamp on when you leave the room or are not at home.
- Only use a halogen bulb of 300 watts or less.
- For lamps with dimmers, operate it at a lower setting.



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NEWS

Student Association cuts 7.9 percent off of budgets

By Dennis Cotter
Staff Writer

The Athletic Club was allocated \$13,600 last year by the Student Association. The club ended up spending \$7, according to Student Association records.

Tracie Grant, Athletic Club coordinator, called the S.A. records of their spending a mistake.

"We spent at least \$800 on transportation to sporting events last year," Grant said.

"It was my first year and I spent it trying to figure out what was going on," she said.

Representatives from campus clubs met with the 11 members S.A. finance Committee on Sept. 24 to decide how much money each club would receive.

To receive funding for this year, budgets for the campus clubs and organizations had to be submitted to the S.A. by September 16.

"Over the past seven years the Athletic Club really hasn't done anything. Last year not much happened because people really couldn't get together," Grant said.

This year Grant has plans to organize school Olympics, sports rallies and possibly have the Harlem Globe Trotters visit St. Michael's.

The factors used to allocate funds are: what the club did with their funds over the past year, how the clubs are organized and how much of the student body was included.

The Athletic Club was allocated \$3,039 of the \$13, 600 they proposed this year.

"We find this very discouraging and most likely won't be able to bring the Globe Trotters," Grant said.

The most significant increase in funding was awarded to the Fire and Rescue Club.

Fire and Rescue, which received \$1,029 last year, was allocated \$16,578 by the committee this year.

In order for Fire and Rescue to fight a fire they need new equipment.

They asked for two breathing apparatus at a total cost of \$4,500 and they will receive one, said Dan Angelini, S.A. Secretary of Finance.

Fire and Rescue will replace an ambulance next month, at a cost of \$10,000.

"The money we received is basically already spent," according to Paul Bryant, a Fire and Rescue lieutenant.

At reallocation time in February they had not spent any of this yet so the S.A. repealed about \$3,000 of their funding.

"Our club is different," Bryant said. "We don't have weekly expenses like the Coffee House does. We engage in a few, but large, purchases throughout the year."

Angelini unveiled his proposed budgets at the S.A. meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 30.

The college granted the S.A. \$265,866 out of the Student Activities fees to finance the various organizations.

"This number [\$265,866] is based on having 1,705 students enrolled for a year," Angelini said. "The student body fluctuates between 1,820 and 1,775, but we are not really sure who is going to stay."

If there are 1,705 students, each pays about \$156 out of tuition toward the annual budget to finance club activities.

The amount of \$20,542 was left over from last year and \$10,000 was withdrawn for the February reallocation process.

"This is so no money will have to be taken out of other clubs," Angelini said. "I have to be conservative just to be safe,"

This reallocation occurs after first semester when the committee looks at the group funding a second time.

At this time clubs can seek funds if they are in need of them.

"We run them through the process again," Angelini said.

"In order to make the budget balance I had to take 7.9 percent off of the top of the amount that every club was allocated," Angelini said. "We began with \$276,408 and the total paid out was \$257,797."

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S.A. secretary of finance

The clubs that receive the most money are Special Events (\$38,682), the college yearbook, the Hilltop (\$31,498) and the S.A. Executive Board (\$26,939).

Another campus organization, the Snowboarding Club, was seeking \$8,400.

"We want to be able to get a trampoline (for dry land practice) and take a trip to British Columbia," said Matt Lavigne, co-coordinator of the Snowboarding Club.

They were allocated \$2,441 and plan to use it to pay for local trips and members entering local competitions.

If students are interested in starting their own club, they must obtain a 2/3 majority of the S.A. Senate's vote to be recognized as a club for one academic year.

According to the S.A. Constitution, the proposed club must also "fulfill all reasonable administrative and informal responsibilities imposed by the Senate," and meet other guide-

Student Association Budgets 1996-1997		
Club:	Spent:	Received:
S.A. Executive Board	\$32,575	\$30,733
Special Events	\$49,611	\$42,703
Alliot Governing Board	\$10,290	\$15,110
Van to Nowhere	\$12,967	\$ 8,748
Fire and Rescue	\$ 1,049	\$ 1,029
Hilltop	\$26,289	\$29,614
WWPV	\$15,764	\$16,363
Defender	\$20,448	\$21,011
MLK Society	\$ 9,104	\$10,261
Int'l Student Affairs	\$ 2,788	\$ 3,797
Bacchus	\$ 820	\$ 953
Alianza	\$ 0	\$ 0
S.T.A.T.	\$ 2,324	\$ 2,198
Athletics	\$ 7	\$ 2,295
Strabotomy	\$ 1,263	\$ 1,320
Amnesty, Int'l	\$ 1,923	\$ 2,166
Diversity Coalition	\$ 3,160	\$ 4,884
Peace and Justice	\$ 5,977	\$ 4,395
Ally Group	\$ 1,871	\$ 1,958
Philosophy Club	\$ 490	\$ 963
Computer Club	\$ 669	\$ 747
Math Club	\$ 194	\$ 396
Education Club	\$ 1,104	\$ 1,363
Women's Rugby	\$ 4,755	\$ 4,071
Men's Rugby	\$ 3,620	\$ 1,973
Snowboarding	\$ 773	\$ 1,250
Drama Club	\$ 7,261	\$ 7,814
Wilderness	\$19,231	\$19,234
Coffee House	\$15,585	\$15,690
Class of 2001	\$ 200	\$ 200
Psychology Society	\$ 250	\$ 488
Advertising	\$0	\$ 863
Poly Sci	\$271	\$ 500

EXCEPTIONS:

Peace and Justice, Executive Board, Hilltop, Programming and the MLK Society received funds from other sources.

Budget information courtesy of the Student Association.

lines.

For the first year the club will receive a grant of \$500.

"If the club proves that they are reliable enough to be backed by St. Michael's they may be eligible for more money next year," Angelini said.

Louisiana State University fraternity denies that hazing is linked with drinking death

College Press Service

BATON ROGUE, La.-- A Louisiana State University fraternity has denied that hazing was involved in an Aug. 25 binge that left one pledge dead and three others hospitalized.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon spokesperson Pete Stevenson said the fraternity's initial investigation found no evidence of forced drinking during "Bid Night."

"Bid Night" is the fraternity's annual celebration for new pledges that ended with 20-year-old Benjamin Wynne's death.

One of the pledges, Donald Hunt, 21, says he was required to drink himself sick as part of Sigma Alpha Epsilon's initiation rituals.

Hunt, who was hospitalized

after the binge, filed a lawsuit against the fraternity, LSU and a Baton Rouge bar.

Hunt is seeking unspecified damages for pain, suffering and medical bills.

Hunt claims the fraternity and the bar were negligent in not stopping the incidents of excessive drinking.

The fraternity denies any fault for the incident.

"We at Sigma Alpha Epsilon find it difficult to understand how Donald Hunt, a 21-year-old mature adult with prior military experience, can find fault [with Sigma Alpha Epsilon or Louisiana State University] for his actions off-site and off-campus," Stevenson said in a statement.

The university has suspended all activities of the fraternity in question.

The university says it will conduct its own investigation into what happened on "Bid Night."

Chancellor William Jenkins also said he is forming a committee of student, faculty, staff members and Baton Rouge citizens to assess the university's fraternities and sororities.

"While we recognize that fraternities and sororities have made positive contributions to campus life, we want to ask the task force to undertake a full evaluation of the system," Jenkins said.

The university would not comment on Hunt's lawsuit.

The bar where some of the drinking took place, Murphy's, has been cited by the state of Louisiana's Office of Alcohol Control in connection with the "Bid Night" party sponsored by the fraternity.

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NEWS

St. Michael's recognized for development of student character

SMC is named to the Templeton Foundation Honor Roll as a 'character building college'

By Steve Sweeney
Staff Writer

St. Michael's College was the only Vermont College to be named to the 1997-98 Templeton Foundation Honor Roll.

On Wednesday, Sept. 24 St. Michael's became one of 134 colleges and universities to receive this honor.

"What the Templeton Award highlights then, is our focus, which is unlike an awful lot of today's liberal arts colleges and major universities," said Dean of the Undergraduate College John Kenney.

"What makes St. Mike's stand out is that it is genuinely concerned with the development of the whole person as opposed to just the cognitive aspects," Kenney said.

The Templeton Foundation recognized St. Michael's for the variety of campus programs that involve community, character building and spiritual growth.

The M.O.V.E. program is in

its ninth year of coordinating student volunteer opportunities.

The program is engaged in roughly 13 projects that aid local communities.

Included in the M.O.V.E. programs are efforts such as The Little Brother/ Little Sister Program, recreational activities with prison inmates and services for senior citizens and the handicapped.

An estimated 70 percent of St. Michael's students are affiliated with the M.O.V.E. program.

The college also earned recognition for its promotion of an alcohol and drug-free lifestyle.

The Growing Recognition of the Effects of Alcohol on Thinking, or G.R.E.A.T. housing program, provides over 300 students with a chance to live in areas that are designated chemical-free.

The award also recognized St. Michael's for the Emerging Leaders program, Leadership development retreats and the Diversity Coalition.

The leadership programs serve to engage students in activities that enhance their abilities to become beneficial leaders on and off campus.

The Diversity Coalition addresses the differences among members of the campus community and aims to educate them about issues surrounding diversity.

St. Michael's ranked among Brown University, Wake Forest and Yale University as prominent "Character Building Colleges" during a luncheon in the Caucus Room of the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, D.C.

The event hosted approximately 300 people.

In attendance were U.S. House officials, university and college presidents and leaders of higher education policies and research.

In 1989, the Foundation created a biannually announced "Honor Roll for Character-Building Colleges."

This award recognizes schools for their tremendous efforts in the development of virtue and character within their students.

In a press release, Foundation President John M. Templeton, Jr. stated, "Effective character education encourages young people to develop the virtues, integrity and ideal of service so vital to our society."

According to the Templeton Foundation, for a school to become selected to the Honor Roll, it must do the following: inspire students to develop and strengthen their moral reasoning skills, encourage spiritual growth and moral values, provide community-building experiences, advocate a drug-free lifestyle and conduct a critical assessment of character-building programs and

activities.

Applications for this honor are sent to all four-year accredited colleges in the United States. At that point, colleges can submit a 200-word essay that describes the values that it embodies in its mission.

Over 400 schools applied and only 134 were accepted to the Honor Roll. In addressing the college's recent achievement, Dean of Students Mike Samara said he is confident that the college can "continually get better."

Samara said St. Michael's provides students with the foundation needed to make correct choices.

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MIT freshman dies after binge drinking incident

MIT freshman Scott Krueger died Sept. 31 of alcohol poisoning.

He was in a coma for seven days after an initiation rite for the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity forced him to drink to join the fraternity.

Authorities are still investigating the death and considering whether to file charges against the members of the fraternity.

"We will determine whether or not criminal activity was afoot that night," said Margot Hill, a Boston police sergeant detective, in the October 1, *Boston Globe*.

Stephen Murphy and Brian Honan filed a public order on the day that Krueger died for a public hearing on teenage drinking at colleges and universities.

Scott Velazquez and Robert Plotnick, who pledged the Pi Lambda Phi fraternity at MIT in 1992, alerted the administration about the fraternity initiation problem in August of 1992.

The two students sent the president of the college, Charles Vest, a 50-page booklet detailing the drinking, drugs, and peer pressure at the fraternity house.

"We tried to see what they could do to change this, but all we got was rigmarole and they didn't appear to do anything," Velazquez said to *The Boston Globe*.

Vest promised to give their booklet "serious consideration" when he received the book. However he declined to meet with the two students, according to the article.

A year later, Velazquez and Plotnick sent Vest another letter. This predicted what would happen:

"When a student is killed or dies at an MIT fraternity, how will MIT explain its full knowledge of dangerous and illegal practices persisting unchecked over the period of years."

In the October 5 *Boston Globe* Vest said he will take action to prevent similar deaths from happening.

"I have been haunted continually with the same question—why? I don't know that we can ever answer that question, but we must learn the lesson," Vest said.

Timothy Burke, a Boston attorney representing some of the members of Phi Gamma Delta, denies that the party was an initiation rite for pledges, according to the October 1 article.

"I can't describe what was going on, clearly there was some measure of drinking," Burke said to the *Globe*.

Research has shown that fraternity members have more alcohol-related problems than other students, according to the *Globe*. A 1993 study of 17,500 students by Harvard School of Public Health showed 86 percent of fraternity members admitted they had engaged in binge drinking.

Dean of students Robert Randolph was quoted in the October 5 issue of *The Boston Globe*.

"One thing I've always said about MIT is that we are smart. But can we be wise? Can we grow? We are smart, we must now become wise," Randolph said.

-Information compiled from the *Boston Globe* Sept. 1 and 5



Lance Richbourg T-Shirts are back in a limited edition!

To celebrate baseball's best time of the year, we have produced a limited number of Lance Richbourg's baseball t-shirts. We have printed six designs in short runs and will be offering them in our shops until they are gone. If you've missed these shirts, out-of-print since 1994, take this opportunity to pick up Lance's paintings of Babe Ruth, Willie Mays, Jackie Robinson, Ted Williams, Mickey Mantle, and Ebbets Field in their wearable form. They won't last long, so hurry down between classes or innings to The T-Shirt Galleries on Church St. or in University Mall.

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Opinion/Editorial

The Defender stands by articles it prints

For the past three issues we have been criticized for trying to preach to others about the need for "diversity awareness" and the wrongfulness of "hate speech."

Many question why we put the "Hate Speaks Again" story on the front cover of last week's issue.

Some said that we were blowing the story out of proportion and that we were trying too hard to make a statement. Others said that the incident was "no big deal" and that the desecrator(s) did not deserve the attention of being on the cover.

We personally think it is a big deal.

Perhaps people don't know that an act of such vandalism is newsworthy because it doesn't occur everyday and it isn't something that should go unnoticed. Not to mention the fact that many people didn't even know that the incident occurred.

Perhaps people don't realize that acts of hatred do not fall within the norms of society.

However, our job is not to make people realize anything. We simply print stories that we believe are newsworthy.

People do not understand how difficult it is to maintain journalistic integrity without forcing our opinions or personal thoughts on others. And although we often wish we could use opinions to teach others about rights and wrongs, we refuse to let our personal agendas get in the way of our journalistic duties.

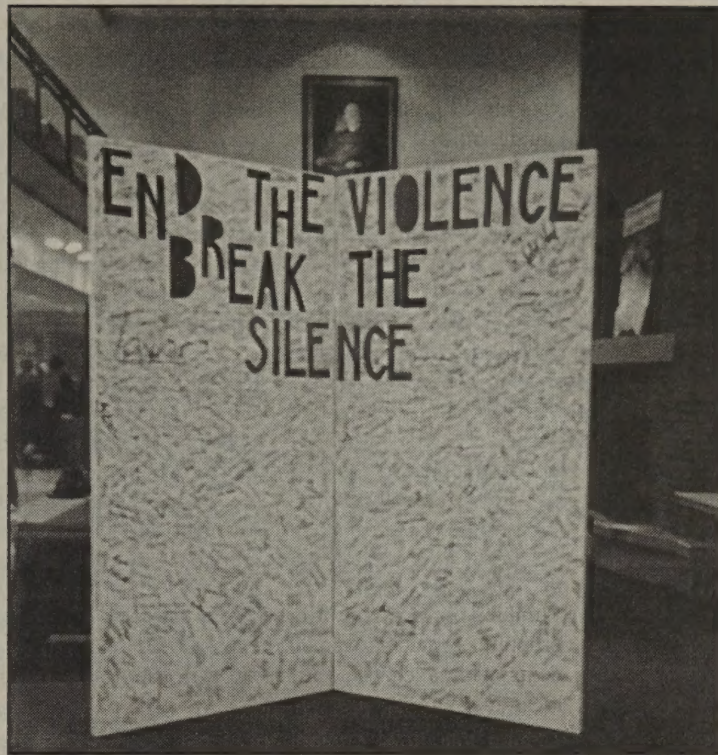
We don't base the importance of a story on whether or not it will make a difference or how it will influence what and how people think.

We print the facts and readers can do what they want with the information we offer. A story's importance is based on its timeliness, prominence and by the number of people it affects.

The "Hate Speaks Again" story, we believe affected many people. Most of the hateful comments were aimed towards women and women make up for more than half of the student body here at St. Michael's. However, any sort of hateful comments could bother men as much as women regardless of the content.

We are not trying to be an activist newspaper. If there is a story that we deem newsworthy, we will print it.

Photo of the week



Students speak out

Photo by Marianne Mylod

The Campus Ministry organized a campaign to raise community awareness concerning the need for tolerance.

A point to ponder

"Fear of corrupting the mind of the younger generation is the loftiest form of cowardice."

•Holbrook Jackson

British writer

Life is short, spend it wisely



By Emily McLaughlin
Guest Columnist

Autumn came so quickly this year. Summer ended and school began.

Senior year caught me off guard, but there's no denying it: It's time to get ahead. Time to hit the books. Time to keep on keeping on. One, two, one, two, forward, march.

As a senior, I registered at the Student Resource Center (SRC) for their Career Development/Graduate Planning services.

Everyone that I have met in that office is so genuine, so encouraging. When I get anxious

about senior-things (graduation, job-searching, the rest of my life...), they remind me to breathe.

As a little kid, I knew how to make secret potions. What were those formulas? I don't remember. I have to find new answers that apply to me now.

Sometimes I think the only answer is this (are you taking notes?): One, move to a deserted island. Two, eat plenty of mangoes. Three, count the days when the sun comes up and goes down again. Four, listen to waves hit the shore. That's it.

The SRC says I can do whatever I set my mind to do. All I can say is "move over, Gilligan, look out, Tattoo."

When I leave the SRC, I notice the glow of the maple trees. The leaves are turning brilliant golds, oranges, and reds. Time is passing. I must get in step. One, two, one, two, which way to the real world?

Despite my anxiousness, the leaves' colors remind me of the larger scheme of things. I realize that there are things that I can't

touch or change.

The leaves indicate time passing but also ask me to slow down. I decline the pull.

A friend of my family recently died in a car accident and I was forced to slow down. I was forced to remember family, to remember to look at the leaves, to remember to tell people that I love them. He was only seventeen.

Now when I traipse from the library, through the cool night air and into my bed, I remember to look at the stars. Cassiopeia, the Great Bear, Orion's Belt.

Perhaps autumn came too quickly, but take the time to see the leaves. Smell the apples. Tell someone you love them.

Enjoy the sun as it comes up and goes down again. There are no secret potions, no easy way out and mangoes can only make you so full.

Though a lot is going on, things will work out. Remember the larger scheme of things, to take time for yourself and if you're a senior, to sign up with the SRC.

The Defender mission statement

The Defender and The Defender Online are the student-run campus newspapers at St. Michael's College. We will cover the issues, events, people and interests of the campus. We have a responsibility to our readers to do this in a fair, accurate and objective manner.

Although our primary focus is on the students, we hope to provide all readers with a window to the entire college community.

It is our duty to inform and entertain our readers.

We welcome constructive criticism, peer involvement and your responses to articles.

Freshman's death concerns parent about binge drinking

I think it would be helpful if the students were reminded that they are not indestructible/immortal and that bad things can happen if they're not careful.

A Boston Globe article on the MIT student who died from and alcohol-induced coma is just one of many unfortunate examples.

I know that under-age drinking goes on at all colleges and St. Michael's is no exception.

I just think it would be useful to let the students know that

whenever their parents read these kinds of articles they think of their own sons' and daughters' safety and their hearts go out to the parents of this student whose tragic death never should have happened.

School officials should also be reminded that along with the personal loss of a student, there are some serious legal ramifications when these tragedies occur.

•A concerned parent
received via e-mail

See page 5 for story

FEATURES

New 400s R.C. brings Japanese experience to campus community

St. Michael's graduate puts year abroad to use with international, domestic students

By Kim Boland
Staff Writer

With an experience of a lifetime under her belt, St. Michael's alumna Ericka Hendrix is the new resident coordinator in the 400 townhouses.

Hendrix graduated from St. Michael's with a bachelor's degree in business administration and a minor in Japanese studies. After she graduated, Hendrix was hired by the Japanese Exchange and Teaching Program (JET).

JET is sponsored by the Japanese government. Each year their government pays men and women to teach English to Japanese students in Japan.

Hendrix taught in Kyoto, Japan. While there, she made it a point to experience various aspects of Japanese culture, including the Tea Ceremony, the night life, the food that Sumo wrestlers eat and especially Karaoke.

"I don't recommend choos-

ing 'Hey Jude' in Karaoke, said Hendrix. "It goes on forever."

Hendrix said she lived in an apartment that was about the size of a dormitory room in the quad.

"I had a tiny kitchen with a sink and two burners, a small bedroom and a bathroom," she said.

In Japan people do not entertain in their homes, so they do not need too much living space, Hendrix said. Japanese people go out to bars and restaurants to visit, she said.

Hendrix returned to the U.S. this past August with all her film and home videos she took in Japan. She was also hired as the 400s R.C. that same month.

Hendrix said that she has experienced a bit of a re-entry culture shock, but has been so busy she has not had time to really think about it.

"The more I have to do, the happier I am," Hendrix said.

During her undergraduate career, Hendrix worked as a stu-

dent assistant with the Showa program through the School of International Studies.

Showa students are originally from Japan and come to St. Michael's seven weeks each semester. There are seven different groups of women and each group stays on campus for one week to experience life at a small Vermont college.

As a resident coordinator in the 400s, which house international students primarily, Hendrix is responsible for the women in the Showa program.

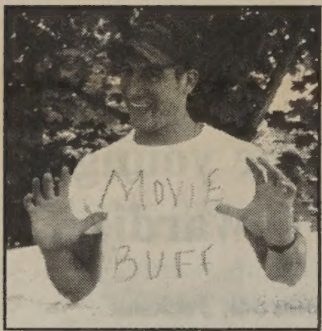
"Since I had the experience in Japan, the Showa women can automatically relate to me," said Hendrix.

Hendrix is now studying for her masters degree in teaching English as a second language. As part of the program, she must complete a teaching practicum. She plans to go back to Japan for a semester to teach at the Kanazawa Technical College.



Photo by Marianne Mylod
Ericka Hendrix plans to return to Japan to teach English as a second language.

Movie Buff says 'Kiss the Girls' can kiss his . . .



By Rob O'Brien
Guest Columnist

This week, in my determination to see better movies, I went to see the new feature flick "Kiss the Girls."

I was looking around the movie theater during the previews to see what kind of people would be interested in seeing this movie.

I saw a cute grandma and a grandpa and thought, here's a couple who probably thought, "Oh, 'Kiss the Girls.' What a nice, cute romantic movie. Let's go see that."

So my journalistic instincts told me to ask them a couple of questions so I could maybe get some quotes to back up my incoherent jargon of utter nonsense. And their response had a great impact.

"Kiss my @\$%!" Grandpa said.

Then there were some scary guys and even a PeeWee Herman look-alike, so I stayed clear so there would be no sticky situations.

The movie stars Morgan Freeman, Cary Elwes and Ashley Judd. It is about a lunatic who collects beautiful women and keeps them in a cave where they can't escape. If they try to leave

or disobey him, he will murder them.

The movie should have been called "Obsessed Psychopath Can't Get a Date."

Morgan Freeman is a detective and a psychologist and his niece is one of the girls captured.

The movie is about him trying to uncover who the culprit is and where the girls are being held.



I would tell you more but I'm not one to kiss and tell.

It's loosely based on that grammar school rhyme "Georgie Porgie puddin' pie, kissed the girls and made them cry."

"Kiss the Girls" was like a first kiss. You don't know who's making the move and you have butterflies and it's kind of suspenseful and if you're not careful it could get sloppy, and the ending has a French twist.

It was a cross between "Phantom of the Opera" and "Psycho" I through V. I've seen calmer crowds at a Kiss concert.

The movie scared me, but then again, so did "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." Aah, Snow White. Now she could kiss.

Well, this column is the kiss of death. This is enough from the Movie Buff. This is Rob O'Brien wasting his time so you can save a dime.



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~ Brother Ken White, SSE
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FEATURES

Local Vermont ski areas set to open for season

Stowe, Sugarbush, Smug's and Bolton Valley offer competitive trails, deals

By Megan St. Peter
Staff Writer

Snow is in the air, at least according to local meteorologists. And with winter weather comes the awaiting of opening day at Stowe, Sugarbush, Smuggler's Notch, and Bolton Valley, four popular ski resorts in local Vermont.

Sugarbush plans on being first out of the blocks by opening Nov. 1. Stowe follows on Nov. 14, with Bolton Valley opening in mid- to late November and Smuggler's Notch the weekend after Thanksgiving.

The Stowe Mountain Resort in Stowe, Vt., features one of the longest runs in Vermont, the 3.7 mile Toll Road. Stowe offers 480 acres of skiing on 46 trails and has the highest percentage of trails made with artificial snowmaking: 73 percent. The highest elevation is 3,640 ft., and the area has a vertical drop of 2,360 ft.

Stowe offers skiing for any ability, ranging from beginner to expert. Fifty-nine percent of the terrain is of intermediate difficulty, 16 percent of the area is beginner trails, and the remaining 25 percent is geared toward expert skiers. The average snow fall at Stowe per winter is about 250 inches.

Stowe also offers night skiing Thursday through Saturday from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Stowe is approximately 38

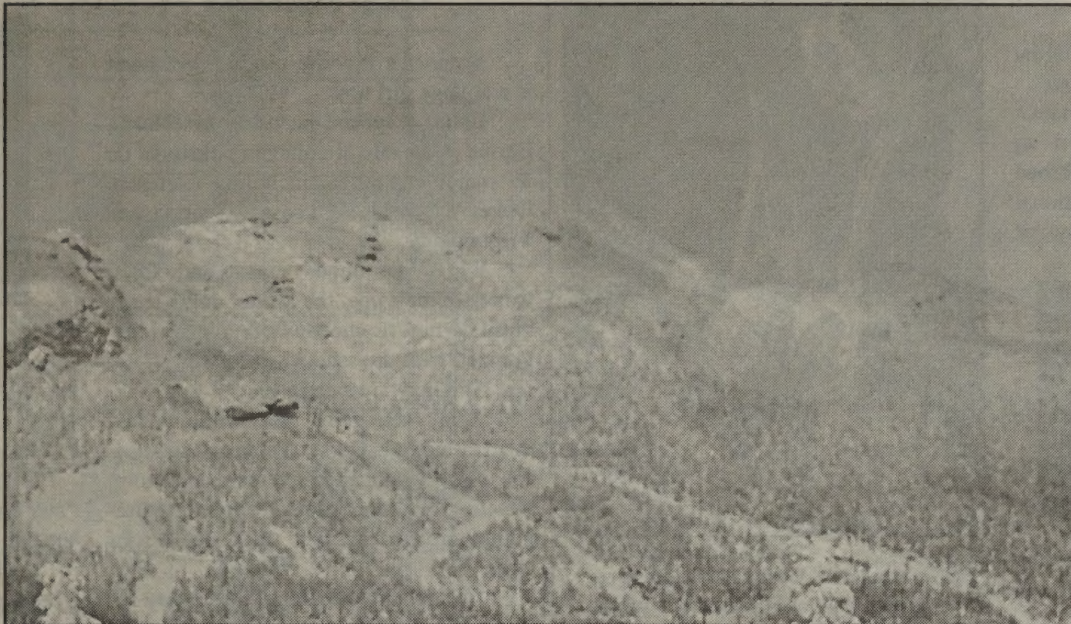


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miles from St. Michael's.

The Sugarbush resort in Warren, Vt. has recently combined the former Sugarbush North and Sugarbush South. During the 1995-1996 season, Sugarbush installed seven new chair lifts, including four high-speed quads which connect North and South. The New Sugarbush has 111 trails on five interconnected mountains.

For this season, they have increased snowmaking by 300 percent and now have snowmaking on 65 trails. The top elevation at Sugarbush is 4,135 ft. and the vertical drop is 2,650 ft. Sugarbush is nearly 42 miles away from St. Michael's.

Two distinct features of Sugarbush are the Green Mountain Valley Ski School and the most-feared FIS mogul-field. Sugarbush is furnished with 18 lifts and has variable terrain: 23 percent is beginner, 48 percent is intermediate and 29 percent is expert runs.

Sugarbush is offering the Big Pass with Stowe this year. This package is \$390 if it is purchased before Oct. 23.

In addition, Sugarbush is involved in deals on multi-area ski passes. The Vermont College Pass, available for \$399 before Oct. 13, gives college students access to Sugarbush, Killington (Sherburne, Vt.), Pico (Rutland,

Vt.), and Mt. Snow-Haystack (Southern Vt.). The American Skiing Company offers a College East package for \$499 with access to the above areas as well as Adatach and Bear Peak in New Hampshire, and Sunday River and Sugarloaf, U.S.A. in Maine.

For the dedicated skier, The American Skiing Company offers a College All-Mountain ski pass for all the Eastern areas listed as well as the Canyons (Utah), Steamboat (Colorado), and Heavenly (Lake Tahoe, Ca.)

Located in Jeffersonville, Vt., Smuggler's Notch offers competitive pass prices; a student pass purchased before Columbus Day is \$279. Along with the

pass comes Smuggler's Notch's 'Bash Badge' benefits: 50 percent off on equipment rentals, group lessons, and Sport Shop prices.

Smuggler's Notch also offers 37 kilometers of cross-country skiing as well as 60 trails with seven lifts. Smug's vertical drop is 2,610 ft. and the highest skiable elevation is 3,640 ft.

Smug's has 16 percent beginner, 51 percent intermediate and 33 percent expert terrain. Full day lift tickets from opening day to mid-December are \$26. Half day tickets are \$20. These prices also apply from late March to closing. The regular season, which begins in December, has a full-day rate of \$40 per weekday and \$44 on the weekend, with half-day tickets at \$32 and \$34, respectively.

Smug's is 30 miles from Burlington, and offers the steep and treacherous Madonna Liftline, a double-black-diamond run.

Located in Bolton, Vt., Bolton Valley offers night skiing as well as 100 kilometers of cross-country skiing. The top elevation is 3,150 ft. with a vertical drop of 1,625 ft. on 150 skiable acres. The average snowfall is 250 inches.

Bolton Valley has six lifts and 48 trails. The terrain ranges from easy (28 percent) to advanced (23 percent), with a majority of intermediate runs (49 percent).

Stowe, Sugarbush, Smug's and Bolton Valley: prices and information

Stowe Mountain Resort Stowe, Vt.

Passes: Big Pass (good at Stowe and Sugarbush) \$390 before Oct. 13
Lift tickets: Full day price has not been set as of yet. Half day tickets are \$37.

Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays,

7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. weekends

Distance: 38 miles, 45 minutes

Directions: Take I-89 South to Exit

10 (Waterbury). Follow Rte. 100

North to the intersection of Rte.

100 and Rte. 108 in Stowe

Village. Take 108 North (Stowe

Mountain Road) for six miles.

Call: (802) 253-3423

Sugarbush Warren, Vt.

Passes: Big Pass, \$390 before Oct.

13; Vermont College Pass, \$399

before Oct. 13; College East Pass,

\$499 before Oct. 13; College All

Mountain Pass, \$599 before Oct. 13

Lift Tickets: prices have not been set

yet, but are estimated at \$48 per

full day and \$39 per half day

Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Distance from St. Michael's: 42

miles, 50 minutes (approximately)

Directions: Head south on I-89 to

Exit 10 (Waterbury), then Rte. 2

East to Rte. 100 South to Sugarbush

Access Road.

Call: 1-800-53-SUGAR



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Smuggler's Notch Jeffersonville, Vt.

Passes: Student - \$279 before

Columbus Day, \$319 before

Thanksgiving, \$379 after

Thanksgiving

Life Tickets: Full Day, \$40

weekday, \$44 weekend; Half day,

\$32 weekday, \$34 weekend

Early/Late Season: \$26 Full day,

\$20 Half day

Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Distance from Burlington: 30 miles,

45 minutes

Directions: Take Rte. 15 East to

Route 108 South

Call: (802) 451-8752

Bolton Valley Bolton, Vt.

Passes: information unavailable

Lift Tickets: Full Day: \$35

weekend, \$30 weekday

Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Sun. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Distance From St. Michael's: 20

miles, 30 minutes

Directions: Take I-89 South to

Exit 11 (Richmond), turn right

(East) onto Route 2 and continue for

8 miles. Turn left on Bolton Valley

Access Road.

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Information compiled by Megan St. Peter

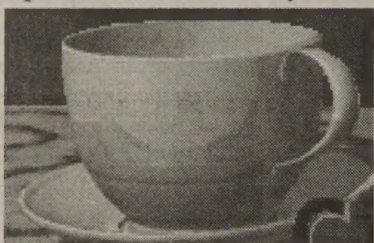
FEATURES

International Coffee Hour : More than just a 'cup of joe'

By Mary Sullivan
Staff Writer

The coffee is free, and after initial trepidation, so is the conversation flow.

Sponsored by St. Michael's International Student Activities in an effort to acquaint students from abroad with domestic students, the International Coffee Hour is held on Wednesdays at 3:15 p.m. in St. Edmund's lobby.



Each week, a different culture is showcased with food, music, movies and speakers from that specific culture.

Today's Coffee Hour, for example, is sponsored by Alianza, the Spanish and Latino group on campus. Their focus is Spanish and Latino culture.

Other cultures such as Jamaican, Caribbean and South American are examples of the International themes. The coffee hour also has American themes, Vermont themes and even Saint Michael's themes.

"Although mostly international students attend these coffee hours, lately more American students are attending," said Beverly Colston, the International Student Activities Coordinator.

Colston encourages the increased participation of domestic students because "the international students would like to feel more a part of the SMC community."



Photo by Marianne Mylod

The International Coffee Hour is held every Wednesday in St. Edmund's lobby. International and American students enjoy the food and conversation.

"I think that [some American students] don't go because they are afraid to be the minority in the situation," said Krissy Klumpp, an American student who frequently attends the international coffee hour.

"The hour is a lot of fun and very educational once you get past that uncomfortable stage where you don't know anyone," said international student Scarlett Choi.

The coffee hour is also an opportunity for American and international students to sign up for activities sponsored by the School of International Studies.

Some of these trips include visits to Boston, day trips to go apple picking and even a trip to see the World Cup Soccer tournament.

Barbie's off to college

Doesn't measure up to co-ed standards

College Press Service

America's favorite plastic sweetheart is a college girl now.

Under a special licensing agreement, Barbie is on sale at college bookstores on 19 major campuses, including Clemson, Duke, Wisconsin, Arkansas, Georgia and Virginia.

While the huge breasts and small waist are the same, the Mattel doll's teeny outfit is now a cheerleader uniform customized with the school's colors.

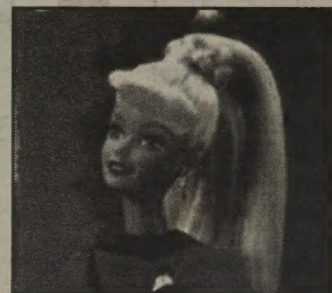
And how are sales going?

"They were going great while we had them," said Pete Gorski, front-end supervisor of the Clemson University bookstore, which is awaiting another shipment after going through the first three batches of dolls.

"We get several phone calls a day for them. We've sold through over a thousand already."

Students, faculty and staff are clamoring for the dolls, which are packaged in their cotton-candy pink box. The older crowd is buying the doll in bulk, he said, to give to their children or grandchildren.

When she's in stock at Clemson, Barbie sells for \$14.99, which is \$5 off the suggested retail price.



Of course, the doll, dubbed University Barbie, has drawn some criticism because she doesn't exactly look like a typical college co-ed on her way to a psychology class or a biophysics lab.

"She's got pom-poms," Gorski said. "Her knees bend forward and backward so she can do more gymnastic-based stuff."

Instead of a backpack, she carries an oversized hairbrush. Not that anyone was expecting University Barbie to carry a slide rule, but the doll has been criticized by many for looking, well, not quite as intellectual as her real-life female counterparts.

"I suppose I could see people getting peeved at that," Gorski said. "But it's a toy. This is not necessarily a symbol of what college students should be."

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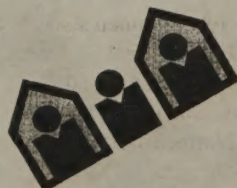
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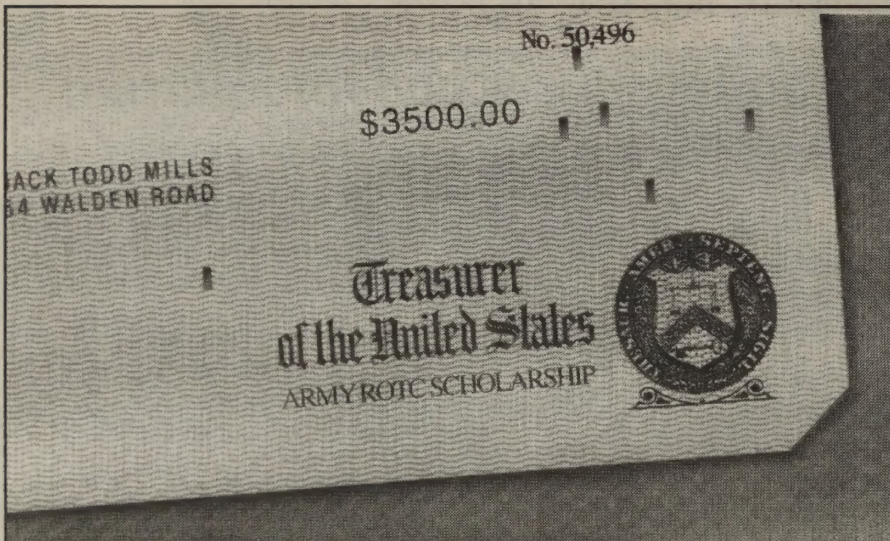
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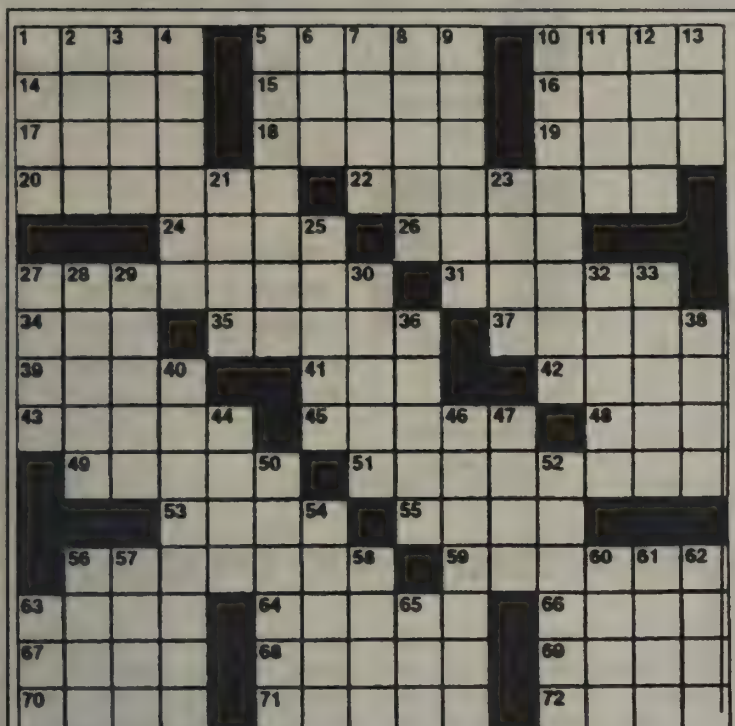
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The Crossword



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ACROSS:

1. Ill-mannered
5. Stuffs
10. Track meet event
14. School in England
15. Defective car, e.g.
16. Mild oath
17. Gritty stuff
18. "Once - time..."
19. Charged particles
20. His and Hers
22. Odd
24. Ballot
26. Grasped
27. Adds sugar to
31. Percolates
34. Slack
35. Poetic muse
37. Welshmen, e.g.
39. An astringent
41. Intimidate
42. Hard to get
43. Corpsman
45. City of the Arkansas river
48. Marble
49. Spanish mister
51. Raze
53. Acid to the taste
55. Fish in cans
56. Colonist
59. Dolor
63. European river
64. WWII plane, -Gay
66. Star that flares

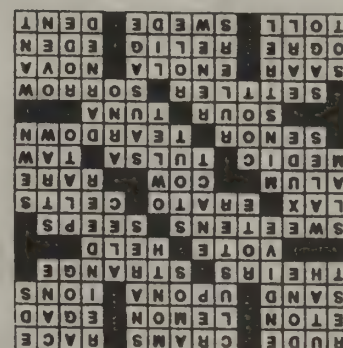
67. Fairy tale villain
68. Faith: abbr.
69. Perfect place
70. Peal
71. Certain European
72. Fender spoiler

DOWN:

1. Remainder
2. Orem's state
3. Finished
4. Salad plant
5. Bunch
6. Congressman: abbr.
7. O.T. book
8. Calendar division
9. Traps
10. Antlered animal
11. Eager
12. Weaving material
13. Asner and Sullivan
21. Repetition
23. Guinness or Baldwin
25. Make into law
27. Hit hard
28. Where Cardiff is
29. Give out slowly
30. Fat
32. Old Greek thinker
33. Summer hat material
36. Young bird
38. Stitched
40. Medieval singer

44. Aquatic bird
46. Meat in a casing
47. Florence's river
50. Monarchs
52. Mended with stitches
54. Renovate
56. Certain starch
57. Man of rank
58. Function
60. Traveled on
61. Kiln
62. Deficiency
63. Drunkard
65. Cover

ANSWERS:



LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO?



WEDNESDAY

SMC: International Coffee Hour at 3:15 p.m. at St. Edmund's lobby. Ernst & Young - one of the big "6" accounting firms recruiting. Student Resource Center 654-2547
Pre-law panel: preparation for law school, including the application process and LSAT. A panel of local attorneys will speak. St. Edmund's Farrell Room; 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Flynn Theatre: Vermont Iconoclasts: Simone Forti/Polly Motley - Vermont dancer/choreographers. 7:30 p.m. 863-5966

UVM Department of Theatre: "Crimes of the Heart" - a play by Beth Henley. Times vary. 656-2094

Club Toast: Luciano/Sizzla \$12; 660-2088

Club Metronome: Zen Tricksters at 9 p.m. \$5; 865-4563

Nectar's: Smoke House. 658-4771



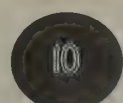
THURSDAY

SMC: Practice/Mock Interviews - individual meetings with local professional to brush up your skills. Student Resource Center; 4:30-8 p.m. 654-2547
A film "Wannsee" - a film depicting the 1942 conference with SS officials, Nazi Party, and German government about "the final solution". 5:30 p.m. at St. Edmund's 113.

SMC Sports: Home Volleyball vs. New Hampshire College at 7:30p.m.

Club Toast: Disco Dance Party. No cover; 660-2088

Club Metronome: Robben Ford, Royal Fingerbowl. 9 p.m. - \$12
Gordon Stone Trio at 10 p.m. \$4; 865-4563



FRIDAY

Flynn Theatre: "Peer Gynt" by the National Theatre of the Deaf. 8 p.m. 863-5966

Greatful Bread Cafe/Deli: A solo performance by singer/songwriter and Construction Joe Co-Founder David Kamm. 8 p.m. \$5; 878-4466

Club Toast: Chin Ho/Mind Flow/Walt Mink. \$5; 660-2088

Club Metronome: Jusagroove. 9 p.m. \$4; 865-4563

Nectar's: Blues for Breakfast. 658-4771



SATURDAY

SMC Sports: Home women's soccer: American International - Northeast-10 Conference; 1:30 p.m.
Women's tennis: American International - Northeast-10 Conference; 1:30 p.m.

Queen City Contras: October contra dance at Edmunds School Cafeteria on Main Street in Burlington. Free beginners workshop. Please bring some clean shoes. 7.30 p.m. \$4 for students. 658-0832

Club Toast: Spill/Twilight Idols/The Pushers. \$3 for 21+, \$5 under 21. 660-2088

Club Metronome: Chris Whitley. 7 p.m. \$10
Jethro Tull Convention at 10 p.m. \$8; 865-4563

Nectar's: Blues for Breakfast. 658-4771



SUNDAY

Nectar's: Bloozotomy. 658-4771

Club Toast: Pork Tornado/Magic Pebble. \$4 for 21+, \$6 under 21. 660-2088

Club Metronome: Flex. 9 p.m. No cover; 865-4563



MONDAY

SMC Sports: Home men's soccer vs. Bentley at 3:30 p.m.

Nectar's: Bloozotomy. 658-4771

Club Metronome: Agents of Good Roots/Funks G. 9 p.m. \$3; 865-4563



TUESDAY

SMC: Spanish Mass at the Chapel. 8 p.m.

"Rivers, Streams & Mills: Vermont's Industrial Past" - an exhibit at Champlain Mill. 985-2431

Flynn Theatre: "Salem Justice" - a powerful one-act play based on events surrounding the 1692 witch trials in Salem, Mass. A student matinee. 9:30 p.m. and 12 p.m. \$5 863-5966

Nectar's: Upside Down Frown. 658-4771

Club Toast: '80s night. No cover 21+ and \$5 if under 21. 660-2088



WEDNESDAY

SMC: "Origins: 1843-1943" - Beginning of the documentary exhibition by the Society of St. Edmund. Exhibits the traces of the Society. Durrick library. Times vary. 654-2400.

SMC Sports: Home field hockey vs. Albany. 3:30 p.m.

UVM Lane Series: Van Cliburn Silver Medalist Yakov Kasman, award-winning pianist. UVM Recital Hall. 8 p.m. 656-4455.

Club Metronome: Smokin' Grass. 9 p.m. \$3 865-4563

Nectar's: Yankee Pot Roast. 658-4771



THURSDAY

SMC: Resume workshop - learn the basics of resume writing. 4-5 p.m. Alliot Vermont Room.

Club Metronome: Flexitone Hi-Fi Djs. 9 p.m. No cover. 865-4563

Nectar's: The X-Rays. 658-4771

CAMPUS SPEAKS

What is your favorite ski area in Vermont and why?



"Sugarbush, because I saw a couple of Phish shows there and it brings back nostalgia."

Michael Flanagan
Freshman



"Stowe because it's a fun and friendly place to ski."

Jillian Schuessler
Junior



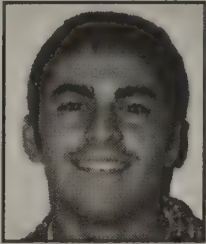
"Stowe because the people are happenin'."

Luis Navarro
Junior



"I like Smugs (Smuggler's Notch) because I prefer a smaller place and it's quaint."

Susan Appe
Sophomore



"Sugarbush. There is great terrain and I always find a new way to hurt myself."

Michael Caruso
Sophomore



"Stowe because it offers a variety of challenging slopes and you can always find fresh powder."

Brian Balok
Sophomore

Cosmic Astrology



By Erin Murphy, The Princess of the Planets

Each horoscope is a slight analysis as to what the stars tell me, however, you have to be the judge as to what is right for you.

RIES (March 21 - April 19)

What's that smell? Love in the air? Or has the cheese in my fridge gone bad? Pay no mind. What matters is that you relax, act cool and ace yourself with a current relationship-in-the-making. Pout and strut. Make 'em jealous. Work it hardcore. And take it from me, always wrap your cheese before you put it away.

AURUS (April 20 - May 20)

Your ears must be ringing right now, because you are the talk of the town. Keep them talking this week. Get on that dance floor and get down with your bad self. Shake that groove thang like only you can and watch what happens. You're a superstar - that's what you are.

EMINI (May 21 - June 21)

Well, you certainly know how to keep yourself busy. And I don't mean with homework! Dabbling in more than one romance seems to be your bag, baby. Oh be-hayve, you randy thing!

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)

We should all be so lucky, Cancer. How did you score such a hot hotty? Listen to me, this one is a keeper. Make sure your usually rabby self musters up enough energy to wow your special someone with a few brilliant romantic gestures this week. Your uncharacteristically suave self will be aptly rewarded. Hum-in-a, Hum-in-a!

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)

Why is your face red, Leo? Did you make a spectacle of your cheesy little self by sucking face in front of the classy clientele at the Blarney Thursday night? No matter. You're flying high right now and a little embarrassment isn't going to burst your balloon. Now pick that little piece of broccoli out of your teeth and get out there.

VRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

This is the week for your usual buttoned-up self to take a walk on the wild side. Turn that hair-don't into a cool hair-do. Flirt with the cutie who sits next to you in class. Buy some new undies and then don't wear any. Let it all hang out, baby, because this is your week.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

You have an itch that needs to be scratched. So what are you waiting for? It's your turn to be taken out to dinner, showered with romantic tokens and told how special you are. If you're not being appreciated enough by your mate, shake things up a bit. Be the heavy. Tell 'em to wake up, or walk.

CORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You probably think your flavor of the week doesn't even know you exist. But the truth is, they're just playing it cool. Make 'em sweat. Buck in the ol' gut and wear the tight jeans next time. You know, the ones with the bright yellow disco stitching.

AGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Whoa, Sag!! Pull in those reins, because you're out of control. Put down the bag of sugar. Put down the spoon. You are way too hyper about the new someone who has sauntered into your life. Close your eyes. Breathe. Stop shaking. We're worried.

APRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

We'll call you 'Cecilia,' because you are all about breaking hearts this week. But can you help it? You're a young, healthy people-person. You're not a rock. You're not an island.

QUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

It may have been a rough week for you, but fret not. Don't think of it as being unlucky in love. Think of it as another chance to be the 'gingin' babe you're so good at being. The world is your cat-walk, so work it, work it, own it!

ISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20)

It's all you, Pisces. Your theme song is "I'm Too Sexy" and your number is 1-900-2GOOD4U. You're on top of the world right now,

Vermont cows, moo-ve over...



By Shaynagh Parker
Guest Columnist

Black-spotted Vermont cows cannot compare to the "Heeland coos" (Highland cows) of Scotland. Heeland coos are stocky and a bit scruffy looking. Their mops of hair flop down into their faces as they munch on dry, crunchy grass. I remember thinking that there wasn't much that could compare to anything in Scotland as I stood in a field of Heeland coos on the small island of Iona off the coast of Oban.

The outstanding beauty of the country pulled me in, wrapping around me like a magnificent quilt. The day was now sunny and warm as the heavy rainclouds had moved on. The cold, sparkling ocean was splashing against the nearby shore as a mommy coo was nursing her baby.

Beyond the spectacular landscape, the foggy hills and the misty sea, beyond the startling fresh air that pleasantly burned my lungs, even beyond the heart-winning Heeland coos, I discovered that Scottish hospitality was the best in the world.

That morning Corola, my German friend whom I had met at the hostel in Oban, and I had hopped on a ferry that took us to the Isle of Mull and then to Iona. Although the rain was dropping in sheets when we left, we tried to remain optimistic and puckered our rain hoods tightly around our faces. Even in the rain, Scotland doesn't lose its allure. We stood under an overhang on the ferry's deck, shivering, but admiring the little islands we passed that were obscured by a thin sheath of fog. When we got to the Isle of Mull, the rain had not let up one bit. We had planned to hike to the other side of the island to catch

the ferry to Iona, but a six-mile trek in that weather did not seem feasible. Attempting to find some shelter from the wind and rain, we stood between a couple of buses that were carrying tour groups to the Iona ferry. Perhaps we looked more pathetic than I thought with our sopping wet jackets clinging to our bodies and cold noses that needed tissues badly because just then one of the bus doors opened. A stocky Scottish man with wisps of gray hair swept over his balding head beamed down at us, almost chuckling.

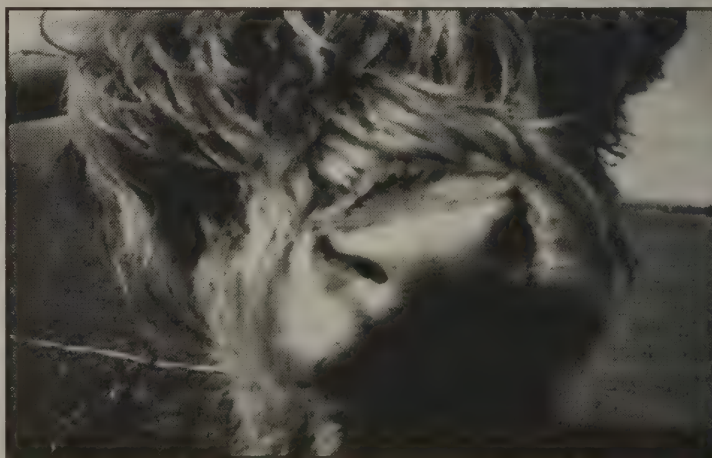
"Where are ye wee lasses going?" he asked, winking at us.

When we told him our plan to hike to the other side of the island, he did chuckle and waved us onto the bus. "Now don't tell the others you're not paying for this," he said as he patted our wet shoulders.

We thanked him warmly and dripped our way down the aisle to find a seat.

time we got to Iona and stood among the hairy Heeland coos, climbed a little knob of a hill, and snacked on apples by the sea. The large, jovial woman had befriended us and told us many tales about her life in Scotland. She made sure that we rode back on the bus as well, even though it was no longer raining. We thanked the bus driver and the group of senior citizens when we left their bus that evening to board the ferry back to Oban. They just smiled and cooed at us.

Back at our hostel in Oban, the fire was crackling and Steve, who worked there, invited us into the kitchen to help him celebrate Robert Burns Day. Noticing our sniffles, he concocted some hot toddies (whiskey and hot water with cloves) for us while he set the table with a bowl full of potatoes and a plate of haggis. Haggis, if you don't know, is the heart and liver of a sheep mixed with suet and oatmeal and boiled in sheep's own stomach.



"A Heeland Cow"

Photo by Shaynagh Parker.

The bus was full of Scottish senior citizens wearing nametags and babbling among themselves. When we sat down, a lot of them turned and gazed at us with smiling faces. "Welcome aboard." "You poor dears." "Here's a tissue." Corola and I thawed in their warm reception. A large, jovial woman with white hair piled on top of her head leaned over her seat toward us and bubbled, "This is Scottish hospitality for ye!" And I knew I wouldn't find their benevolent generosity anywhere else in the world.

Corola and I dried out, and miraculously the rain stopped

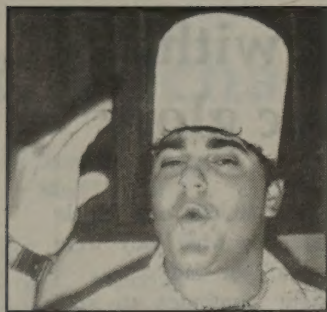
Not exactly "yum." But, Steve, whom I had gotten to know the day before, had remembered that I don't eat meat (or hearts), and he had cooked a vegetarian haggis just for me.

That's Scottish hospitality for ye!

Steve recited some Robert Burns poetry and played his tin pipe while Rosie, the resident beagle, stood on her hind legs dancing (or begging for haggis). And we drank a few more hot toddies before toddling off to sleep.

I think I dreamed of Heeland coos and eating haggis in the

Campus Cook transforms into 'Johnny Appleseed'



By Brian Wasik
Guest Columnist

Are you a tree climber? Even though this state is full of tree huggers, I am not ashamed to admit that I prefer to be a tree climber. From oaks and maples to weeping willows and pines, I have climbed them all over the years. I have even tried to climb a palm tree once - that coconut at the top looked awfully tempting. In all my years of expert tree climbing as a kid, I found the best climbing tree to be an apple tree. And the fruit it bears is far easier to get at than those stubborn coconuts.

If you were ever, or still are, an apple tree climber don't be ashamed. You have come from a long line of proud and historic tree climbers. Apple tree climbers date back to the people of ancient Rome. It is believed that Romans not only grew apples for eating, but they also prized these apples. The Romans took the cultivated fruit with them when they conquered England. From England the seeds of apples and the trees themselves were brought to

America in 1629, according to an apple dedicated site on the Internet (<http://212.net/apples/>). One of the first governors of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, John Endicott (an accomplished tree climber, no doubt) is said to have brought the first apple trees to America.

Apple trees eventually spread west with the help of Native Americans, who planted the cultivated seeds in the wilderness. A man named John Chapman helped with this process also. Chapman carried the seeds with him wherever he went and planted them all over the country. To apple tree climbers everywhere he is known as "Johnny Appleseed," the man who gave us trees to climb.

There are nearly 10,000 different varieties of apples in the world and more than 7,000 of them are in the U.S.A. Most of them, such as the Delicious, Golden Delicious, Jonathan and McIntosh have late growing season. They grow fall through winter and can be grown farther north than any other kind of tree fruit. Perhaps this is the reason apples are synonymous with fall.

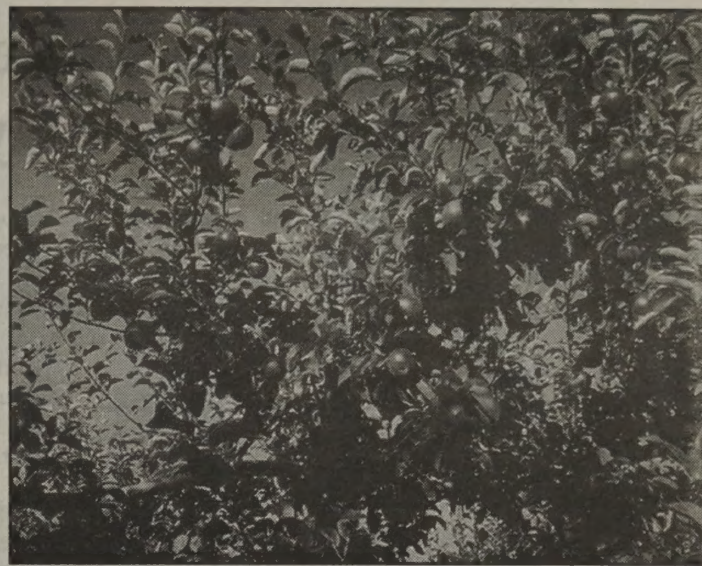
An article about fall activities by Megan St. Peter in last week's issue of *The Defender* prompted me to get out into the fall weather and re-live the childhood memories of climbing trees and picking apples.

Out of the four orchards she listed in her article, we hiked out to Shelburne Orchards (south on Rte. 7 in Shelburne). It was absolutely beautiful. Perched on

a hill surrounded by apple trees and rolling farmlands, Shelburne Orchard spies on Lake Champlain right at the foot of the magnificent Green Mountains.

As much as I hate to see summer go, Shelburne Orchard reminded me of comforting feelings like chilly cheeks, comfy wool sweater and crisp cool winds, not to mention sweet ripe Macs plucked straight from the tree.

After spending a fun day picking an obscene amount of apples, I sat down and pondered the question "What in the heck do I do with them?" After all, there are only so many you can give to your friends.



Pick up some apples for pies from The Golden Apple Orchard in Charlotte, Vt.
Photo by Marianne Mylod

The following are some recipes to cook up after a good day of climbing.

Apple Crisp

5 cups peeled and sliced apples

1 tablespoon sugar

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

1/3 cup apple cider

Topping

1/3 cup rolled oats

1/3 cup flour

1 cup brown sugar

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/4 pound unsalted butter, cut into pieces

Toss the apples with sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg and cider. Place in lightly buttered serving bowl.

Combine topping ingredients and mix together with your fingers. Get down and

dirty. Cover apples with topping. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

Mom's Apple Pie

Ask your mom for the recipe you love so much!

Apple Chips

Slice apples paper thin in rings. Spread on nonstick baking sheet and bake at 220 degrees for an hour. Sprinkle with brown sugar.

Peanut Butter Apple Muffins

First toast two English muffins with raisins. Cover both sides with peanut butter. Then place thin slices of apple on top of English muffin and brush with dark corn syrup, honey, maple syrup or sugar. Place under preheated broiler for 2-3 minutes.

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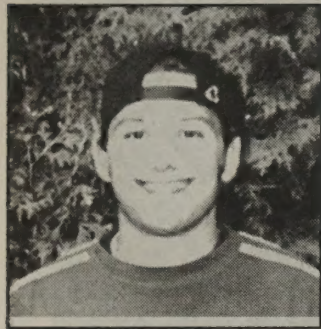
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SPORTS

Cold and flu season strike baseball fanatics with burning playoff fever



By Nick LeBel
Columnist

The baseball playoffs are here again and there's nothing like it.

Say what you want about games being too long in the regular season because that all changes in October. Every time the pitcher toes the rubber or a batter steps up to the plate, the game can change dramatically.

Example: Game two between the Atlanta Braves and the Houston Astros. The score was knotted at three in the bottom of the fifth when Houston pitcher Mike Hampton forgot how to throw strikes.

Hampton walked the bases loaded and then walked in the go-head run, throwing a string of 16 balls in 18 pitches, effectively giving the game away to the Braves.

Braves' pitching blanked the

Astros the rest of the way for a 13-3 win and commanding 2-0 lead in the best-of-five series.

Braves' pitching again dominated in game three for a 4-1 win, completing the three-game sweep over the Astros.

"Those shots turned Yankee Stadium into the Bronx zoo. The only thing missing was Jeffrey Maher reaching over the fence to reel in another potential home run."

Hampton's mistakes were key to the game and series. However, it's not always pitchers forgetting how to throw strikes that can turn a ballgame around.

The New York Yankees were being smoked, 5-3, by the Cleveland Indians through five innings in game one.

In the bottom of the sixth the Yankees came up with a power surge good enough to steal game one from the Tribe.

A two-run shot by Tim Lincecum followed by solo homers from Derek Jeter and Paul O'Neill sent the Indians into a tail spin. The back-to-back-to-back homers set a new playoff record.

How does a team come back from something like that? The Indians didn't in game one.

I wonder what they were thinking when they watched three Yankees step up to the plate and rock their pitching staff for three consecutive homers.

The Tribe had the defending world champions on the ropes after scoring five runs off Yankee ace David Cone in the top of the first. Then they blew it.

During the first five innings the Indians saw their 5-0 lead cut to 5-3. Then the disastrous sixth started. When the inning was over the Tribe had squandered the lead to the Yanks, 7-5.

The four runs might not have been such a major blow if it had come off of singles, sacrifices and station-to-station baseball. Instead, they were all dingers, in New York of all places.

Those shots turned Yankee Stadium into the Bronx Zoo. The only thing missing was Jeffrey Maher (remember him from last year's playoffs) reaching over the fence to reel in another potential home run.

Amazingly, the Tribe overcame a 2-1 series deficit to beat the Yanks, 3-2.

But that's what the playoffs are all about. It's about the memorable events and games that stick in our heads for years.

No regular season game can match the playoffs. There's too much at stake on every pitch.

Wight competed with hopes of Olympic glory

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that you are good at," she said.

Wight began luge in 1984 when she was 16 years old.

At that time she was a senior in high school competing on the ski team.

"I was looking for direction," Wight said. "I stayed home from school to watch men's Olympic downhill skiing on TV."

Skiing was snowed out. There was luging or hockey to watch.

"I saw luging and I said, 'That's what I want to do,'" she said.

The next day Wight told her ski coach that she was interested in luging. Her coach told her that a teacher's daughter at Wight's school was an alternate on the 1984 Olympic Team, the same team that Wight had seen on television the previous day.

The connection was made.

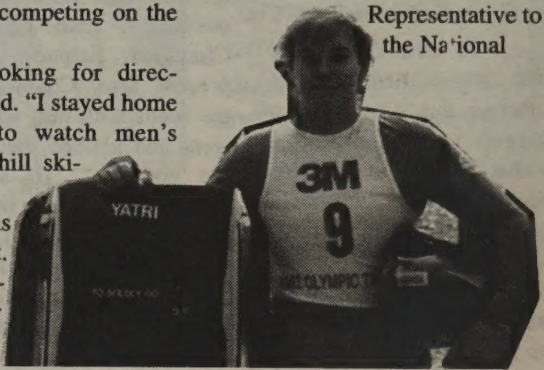
"Within two weeks I was in Lake Placid training at a camp that took place over my school vacation," Wight said.

The summer after Wight graduated from high school she was invited back to Lake Placid for more camps.

"I was athletic and female and that was what they were looking for," she said.

Wight continues to stay involved in the sport of luge.

She is an Athletes Representative to the National



Luge Committee and also an International Luge official.

Wight now strives toward balance in her life.

"You have to have a balanced life," she said. "The key to it all is to live it fully but in balance."

Wight is working toward her Masters degree in education at St. Michael's.

She teaches at Edmunds Elementary School and is a massage therapist in downtown Burlington.

In her free time she snowboards, performs in three local bands and is involved in Martial Arts.

Lifetime Recreation update

Coming soon

Sign up for the billiards and ping-pong tournament. Last day to sign up is Oct. 9. Play begins on Oct. 15.

Rosters for indoor soccer are due Oct. 15. Play begins Oct. 20. Pick up and return rosters to Sarah Goodrich, 165 Tarrant Recreation Center.

There's still time to sign up for ballroom Dance. Class begins on Oct. 19 and runs for six consecutive Sundays from 3-5 p.m. See Sarah Goodrich for costs.

Ice skating lessons begin on October 19, 5-6 p.m. Cost is \$20. Transportation is provided to Leddy Park.

Racquetball lessons begin this week. Lesson times are still available on Tuesdays from 4-5 p.m. and 5-6 p.m. Times are also available on Thursdays from 6-7 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. Lessons are free of charge.

Intramural Update

In semi-final softball action,

Postal Units outlasted Swedish Fish for a 9-6 victory. Eagle Scouts won by default in semi-final action.

•Fantastics are the only undefeated team in coed volleyball. Renegades are behind Fantastics with a 4-1 record.

•Rich Marsden is on top in the racquetball tournament. Marsden will face the winner of the losers bracket.

Aerobics Schedule

•Sunday: 6-7 p.m. - High Impact

•Monday: 4-5 p.m. - Funk, 7:30-8:30 p.m. - Combo [steps, aerobics and toning].

•Tuesday: 5:30-6:30 p.m. - Mixed Bag

•Wednesday: 4-5 p.m. - Funk, 7-8 p.m. - High Impact

•Thursday: 5-6 p.m. - Step

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SPORTS

St. Michael's golf swinging for success

By Brendan Ahern
Staff Writer

Fore!

In golf, hollering "fore" warns other golfers of an incoming shot.

Around golf co-captain Jeremy Goulet, not "fore" but "one" is more often heard. That's because Goulet is St. Michael's #1 golfer on a team filled with potential.

"This is the best team we've had since I've been at St. Mike's," Goulet said. "There's lots of talent on this year's team. Once our better players begin to play more consistently, we will be one of the better teams around."

The team is building off a Sept. 26 win against American International College.

Goulet said junior co-captain Colin Mulready, sophomore Christian Parke and sophomore Phil Caccamise are key to the success of this year's eight-man team.

Parke is playing at the number two spot behind Goulet.

"While I've been here we've generally finished in the middle of the pack," Parke said. "But so far there's been a lot of improvement with the team scores."

"There's lots of talent on this year's team. Once our better players begin to play more consistently, we will be one of the better teams."

•Jeremy Goulet, St. Michael's golf co-captain

"We need to improve the consistency," Goulet said. "But I see that the team is really beginning to gel."

St. Michael's home course is normally the Burlington Country Club. It is under construction so the team has been practicing at Champlain Country Club in St. Albans. By playing 18 holes a day up to five days a week, the team is making steps



Photo courtesy of St. Michael's Sports Information
Co-captains Jeremy Goulet [third from left] and Colin Mulready [right] lead St. Michael's golf. Pictured above is the 1996 team photo.

toward improvement.

"Champlain is a good course," Mulready said. "They [the owners] have been kind enough to let us play there. The course requires a lot of shot-making and is a good place to hold a college match."

In 1995 Goulet placed as the eighth-ranked player in Division II New England.

Last year Goulet finished

first in the Goss Tournament, where he competed against players from Middlebury College, Norwich University and the University of Vermont.

So who will lead the team when Goulet is gone?

"It will be really tough losing such a solid player like Jeremy," Mulready said. "There will be new kids stepping up and the future looks bright."

Duo combine for 17-5 record in singles' action

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She said a slap on the leg is to let her opponent know that she is ready for anything. It also pumps her up.

Puskas doesn't like to let her opponent know what she's think-

ing and feels the slap on the leg keeps them on their toes.

Puskas said the person who has helped her most at St. Michael's is her doubles partner, Spelman.

"She tells me about my opponents and knows my

strengths and weaknesses," Puskas said. "She'll notice mistakes in my game that I don't."

However, Puskas said that everyone on the team has helped her in some way.

Puskas considers herself a leader to an extent but said, "I look up mostly to the captains and respect them."

So what do you get when you combine the sophomore standout and freshman phenom?

The Dynamic Duo.

Spelman and Puskas make up St. Michael's #1 doubles team.

The two have earned a 7-4 record in doubles action.

This is Puskas' first year playing doubles tennis. However, she and Spelman have adjusted well.

There is a difference in playing styles between Spelman and Puskas. But teaming with Puskas was a welcome adjustment, Spelman said.

"Mandy has a great serve and excellent backhand," Spelman said. "She's a smart and

well-tuned player."

Neither Puskas nor Spelman takes total control of the court. They said it all depends who's on and who's off.

"We calm each other down," Spelman said. "Mandy's a good player and it's always fun to play with a good player. She's reliable. It's comforting."

Puskas returned the compliment.

"I love playing with her," Puskas said.

Other members of the Lady Knights said that both girls show some form of leadership on and off the court.

Junior Amy Silvia describes them as, "the bright spots, always smiling."

"Kelly is always there when someone needs her," Silvia said. "She's strong-willed. You know when she's around. A person like that holds leadership very well."

"Mandy is a quieter leader. They balance each other."

When it comes to competition, Spelman and Puskas agree that it's a healthy, athletic competitiveness between the two.

It's not a matter of jealousy or envy and everything stays on the court, they said. The two are friends off the court and put aside all competition after a match.

"We have a healthy competition that pushes us harder and makes us strive to do better," Spelman said.

"On the outside there isn't a competitiveness but deep down there is that competitive edge," Puskas said. "It's only natural. I think that if it wasn't, then something would be wrong."

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Women's soccer:

The Lady Knights saw their three-game winning streak halted last week, dropping three straight games.

St. Michael's lost to Norwich, 3-2, Keene St., 6-3, and Quinnipiac, 6-1.

The team is 3-7 overall and 2-3 in NE-10 play.

Men's soccer:

St. Michael's stopped the bleeding after seven consecutive losses. The Purple Knights beat in-state rival Norwich, 3-0, on September 30.

The team lost on October 4 to Quinnipiac College, 5-1.

Sophomore Chris Mohr leads the team in scoring with four goals and two assists.

St. Michael's is 2-8 overall and 0-5 in the NE-10.

Field Hockey:

St. Michael's handed New England College a 7-0 loss on October 5. Sophomore Kara McDonough scored four goals and added an assist. Her scoring outburst against NE College earned her a spot on the NE-10 Honor Roll.

The team also beat Keene St., 2-0, on October 2.

St. Michael's improves to 4-4 overall.

Women's Tennis:

The Lady Knights have gone 2-1 since September 30.

The team defeated Plymouth St., 8-1, and lost by the same score to powerhouse Quinnipiac. St. Michael's went on to edge out Assumption, 5-4, on October 5.

Freshman Mandy Puskas was the only Lady Knight to go undefeated last week [3-0].

The team is 6-5 overall and 4-4 in NE-10 action.

Volleyball:

The team is on a six-game losing skid. St. Michael's lost to AIC, Stonehill and Le Moyne last week.

Volleyball is 3-12 overall and 2-6 in the NE-10.

Cross Country:

Men's and Women's cross-country participated in the Vermont State Meet last Friday.

Amy Vile finished 10th overall and led the women's team to a third-place finish.

Bob Bergeron [fourth place] paced the men to a second place finish.

Men's/Women's
Rugby:

The men's team lost to Keene St., 20-7, while the women beat Plymouth State, 8-0, on October 4.

Men's rugby is 0-2 while the women's team is 1-1.

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Young tennis tandem 'backhand' opponents

#1, #2-singles players Kelly Spelman, Mandy Puskas 'double-up' on opposition

By Laurie C. McDowell
Staff Writer

Desire, ambition and hard work have helped sophomore Kelly Spelman and freshman Mandy Puskas rise to the top of the St. Michael's women's tennis team.

Spelman competes at St. Michael's #1-singles position, posting a 7-4 record thus far. She is coming off a record-setting freshman season that saw her finish 10-1.

"For me, it [tennis] is like walking," Spelman said. "I can't remember not playing."

Spelman began her tennis career at age 2, playing Nerf Tennis with family members in the family room or against the garage.

In the sixth grade Spelman was playing on the high school #1-doubles team for Berwick Academy, a small private school for students K-12 in Maine. She was the #1-singles player from seventh through 12th grade. Spelman made her mark against older competition.

Spelman found few differences between the St. Michael's tennis team and the one she grew up playing on, she said.

"The level of play and the drive to win are higher here," she said. "The team is really supportive. Everyone helps out a lot and they are always there to cheer you on."

Spelman said the secret to her success is experience and "believing you're going to win and then following through." That type of mental attitude is something Spelman focuses on.

Like many athletes she has certain rituals when preparing for a game. These include practicing serves from the duce court during warm up and kissing the cross on her necklace.

From the sidelines and record books, she is regarded as a leader and role model. However, she doesn't see herself as either one. She sees herself as someone who fits into a certain position on the team.

"Everyone plays a part on this team," Spelman said.

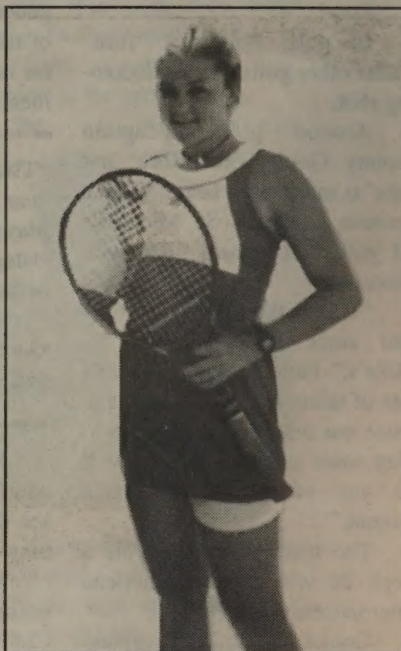


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•Kelly Spelman, St. Michael's #1-singles tennis player for the Lady Knights

"If anything, I put pressure on myself. I like to win."

•Mandy Puskas, St. Michael's #2-singles tennis player for the Lady Knights



Photos by Josh May
Sophomore Kelly Spelman [left] set a St. Michael's single-season record with a 10-1 mark last year in singles play. Freshman Mandy Puskas [right] has equaled that mark this year with at least two matches still left on the season.

"I just play mine."

Like Spelman, Puskas has grown up playing tennis. She started playing at age 8. As a singles player in high school, she was #2 her freshman, sophomore and junior years and #1 her senior year.

It was after last year's recruiting weekend that she made the decision to attend St. Michael's, she said.

Puskas admits to being nervous when she first arrived at St. Michael's but added that she soon relaxed. There is always a lot of support on the team, she said.

Puskas is 10-1 on the season, matching Spelman's record-setting single-season mark from last year.

Puskas said she is slightly surprised with her success. She said she only feels pressure from herself to succeed. No one has made her feel that she has something to prove. Coach Steve LaTulippe just tells her to go out and do her best.

"If anything, I put the pressure on myself," Puskas said. "I like to win."

It doesn't matter to Puskas where she serves from during warm up but she does have some rituals of her own.

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Olympic luge alternate Wight dreamed of gold

By Charles Lampman
Staff Writer

Imagine sliding down an icy track using only slight feet and shoulder movements to control a sled accelerating up to 90 mph. You're going so fast that gravitational forces hold you to the walls of these icy turns and cause your head to snap back.

This is the sport of lugging.

St. Michael's graduate student and 1988 U.S. Olympic Women's Luge Team alternate Cynthea Wight has reached these speeds and experienced these G-forces.

Wight twice won the Junior National Championships and the North American Championships. She has competed against world-class lugers in World Cup competition.

Wight was an alternate for the 1988 Olympic Team. She said it was disappointing not being able to compete.

"We were training in Europe and it was real hard when it came time for the rest of the team to travel to Calgary, but it was time for me to go home," Wight said. "I sat at home and waited for a call that never came."

1989 was Wight's best year.

She finished third at a World Cup event in Sweden and finished eighth overall in World Cup points.

With hopes of making the 1992 Olympic Team, Wight trained independently in Germany and Austria.

"Women's luge is not as equitable as men's," Wight said, speaking about the



Photo courtesy of Cynthea Wight
St. Michael's graduate student Cynthea Wight finished third at a World Cup luge event in Sweden, 1989. Wight went on to finish eighth in World Cup points for 1989.

sport of luge in the United States and why she trained abroad. "The men's budget is much larger and all of the coaches are men."

"In America women are not allowed to start as high on the course as men are, but in Europe I got to start at some of the men's starts."

Wight said training in Europe was a

great experience. She was given more opportunities.

"Luging in Europe is a huge sport," she said. "It gets a lot of attention, similar to how skiing is in the U.S."

Despite her hard work abroad, Wight did not make the 1992 Olympic Team. She still traveled to Lillehammer, Norway to watch the games.

"I thought it would be hard to watch the team compete, but it was a great experience for me," Wight said.

Wight retired after the '92 Olympics.

"The hardest thing about retiring is that you grow up with the sport and you get to think that that sport is the only thing

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